

MEETING MINUTES
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Meeting
October 28, 2021
9:34 AM – 11:33 AM

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1) ***Call to Order/Roll Call.***

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Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Present
Member Leadbetter: Present
Member Miller: Present
Member Reggio: Absent
Chair Williams: Present

Quorum confirmed.

2) ***Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Committee's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.***

There were no public comments.

3) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Approval, with possible modification, of the Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Meeting and the September 29, 2021 Special Meeting.

Member Friedenbach made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21st Meeting and the September 29, 2021 Special Meeting. Member Andrews seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Absent
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

4) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Teleconferenced Meetings of Policy Bodies during COVID-19 Emergency. (15 min)

Chair Williams described AB361, which allows local advisory bodies that are subject to the Brown Act to hold teleconferenced meetings during a state of emergency if the body makes specific findings once every 30 days. Slides from this presentation can be found [here](#).

The Oversight Committee considered the COVID-19 emergency and resolved to continue meeting exclusively by teleconferencing technology due to the ongoing public health emergency, public health guidelines, and Mayoral restrictions. Full text of the resolution can be found [here](#).

Member Friedenbach moved to approve the resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings. Member Leadbetter seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Absent
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

5) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Departmental Updates on the Spending and Implementation of Our City, Our Home Funds and Programs with Discussion and Possible Action by the Committee.

Jessica Shimmin of the Controller's Office (CON) presented on future financial reporting and the administrative allocation. Kelly Kirkpatrick presented on the Department of Public Health's (DPH) implementation and spending of OCOH Funds. Emily Cohen presented on the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) implementation and spending of OCOH Funds. Slides from these presentations can be found [here](#).

Member Leadbetter asked how outcomes reporting relates to the dashboard. Ms. Shimmin (CON) said that outcomes data will be represented visually in a dashboard. The project begins with financial reporting because it is the first data available. Outcomes will be added as they become available.

Member Friedenbach said that reporting on the number of beds and people served are important data elements. She said she would like to center people experiencing homelessness in the reporting. Ms. Shimmin (CON) affirmed that reporting will build toward showing outcomes, including how many people the Fund supported in preventing or ending their homelessness.

Member Friedenbach asked Director Cohen if there will be fewer subsidies overall if HSH uses flex pool funding for services connected to federal Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). Director Cohen responded that the overall number of subsidies funded by OCOH will increase, because the new federal Emergency Housing Vouchers will be leveraged to fund the rental subsidy for more Flex Pool vouchers than were initially

budgeted using solely OCOH funds. Member Friedenbach said she would like the new EHV slots to add capacity to General Fund programming rather than to expand the number of OCOH-funded slots.

Member Friedenbach asked Director Cohen if there are plans to submit additional applications for HomeKey funds. Director Cohen said applications for HomeKey dollars have been submitted for 1321 Mission St. and are in process on other buildings as well.

Member Miller asked what an emphasis on equity will look like for the Emergency Housing Voucher program. Director Cohen said that HSH will be working with BIPOC (Black Indigenous and People of Color) service providers to do outreach for these units in specific neighborhoods to reach underserved people experiencing homelessness.

Member Miller said that there are very few mental health providers who want to do this difficult work for very low pay. Member Miller asked how DPH is planning to recruit providers. Director Kirkpatrick (DPH) said the Department knows that pay and retention are key to being able to serve the community in a culturally and linguistically competent way. Member Miller challenged the Department to move beyond intentions because acute mental health issues are skyrocketing. Dr. Kunins agreed that there is urgency to expand mental health services and to do so, the City needs an adequately paid workforce. Member Miller suggested finding a fair and attractive wage in San Francisco, assessing the gap, and making a plan to get there.

Member Leadbetter asked three questions:

- When will the Committee be able to see the numbers of people housed through the Shelter in Place (SIP) Rehousing plan?
- What is the process for reallocating unspent OCOH funds?
- How do Rapid Re-Housing outcomes compare with Flex Pool and Permanent Supportive Housing outcomes?

Director Cohen (HSH) said that over 700 residents from the Shelter in Place (SIP) Hotels have moved into permanent housing. Fewer than 2% of SIP Hotel residents have exited to the street after multiple permanent housing offers. Ms Shimmin (CON) said that the Departments will offer quarterly updates on their progress, including adjustments to planned spending. She will return to the Committee with an update on reallocating unspent funds.

Member Andrews said that as the Mental Health Liaison to the OCOH Oversight Committee, he has routine conversations with DPH about pay equity, nonprofit sustainability, unpacking cultural sensitivity, and reaching populations that are underserved, such as Black men. He encouraged Members to approach challenges with an attitude of abundance rather than a scarcity mentality. He suggested inviting Supervisor Haney and/or Supervisor Ronen to speak to the Committee about their intentions for nonprofit sustainability.

Chair Williams said she is looking forward to the retreat, which will position racial equity as the Committee's North Star.

Member Friedenbach asked HSH for a status update on subsidy vouchers the Committee recommended for Bayview/Hunter's Point and for families? Member Friedenbach also asked for an update on efforts to rehouse people from the Safe Sleep sites. Director Cohen (HSH) said that the solicitation for the Bayview Flex Subsidy program is being drafted and should be implemented early in calendar year 2022.

Member Friedenbach asked DPH for an update on overdose response. She applauded the street crisis response team dashboard. Member Friedenbach noted that community-based beds appear to be rolling out more slowly and wondered about the timeline and prioritization of those beds. Director Kirkpatrick said that community-based beds are a priority but finding space in San Francisco takes more time. Siting programs out of county speeds up the implementation.

Chair Williams thanked Director Cohen and Director Kirkpatrick for their presentations.

Bill Hirsch from the AIDS Legal Referral Panel made a public comment. He said that Our City, Our Home funding for tenant right to counsel hasn't been contracted yet. As a result, providers haven't been able to hire staff. He asked which department will be administering the OCOH funded housing subsidies for seniors and people with disabilities and people living with AIDS. He asked about plans to increase affordability by layering OCOH subsidies on below-market-rate units, which are often accessible for people with disabilities.

6) Discussion Item/Possible Action:
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Liaison Roles

Chair Williams talked about the questions remaining after the September meeting's discussion of Liaison roles using slide 36 in the presentation located [here](#).

Member Friedenbach moved to change the Immediate Needs Liaison to Emergency Shelter and Hygiene Liaison, and Member Leadbetter seconded to motion.

Member Friedenbach also said she would be willing to serve as the Emergency Shelter and Hygiene Liaison.

Member Andrews said that because the Committee has two open seats, it may be worthwhile to wait until fully seated to assign roles. He is willing to continue serving as the Mental Health Liaison.

Chair Williams said that currently only the Data Officer role is open. She also shared that the Mayor's Office and Controller are close to appointing new members.

Member Miller said she is concerned about conflicts of interest and won't be able to serve as a liaison. It is unfortunate because she has immediate knowledge of what is going on in the streets. Additionally, she is concerned that shelter and hygiene services have become controversial.

Member Leadbetter said that she recently left her role at Episcopal Community Services and is now non-conflicted. She asked to remain the Diversion/Prevention Liaison. She volunteered to temporarily serve in the Data Officer role to move the data work forward. Member Leadbetter proposed renaming the Data Officer to the Planning Officer because she does not envision the person in the role doing data analysis. Rather, staff will provide analysis.

Member Andrews suggested asking Deputy City Attorney Jon Givner to refresh the Committee's understanding of conflicts of interest. This would enable the Committee to lead from their areas of expertise.

Member Leadbetter suggested that a system model would help the Committee turn their attention from contracting to the needs and gaps in the system.

Member Friedenbach moved to:

- Discontinue the Immediate Needs Liaison role
- Create an Emergency Shelter and Hygiene Liaison, and appoint Member Friedenbach to this role
- Rename the Data Officer to the Planning Officer [*This change will require a change to the OCOH Bylaws*]
- Retain Member Reggio, Member D'Antonio, Member Andrews, and Member Leadbetter in their respective liaison roles, as previously appointed Appoint Member Leadbetter to temporarily serve as the Data Officer
- Request liaisons to draft a set of goals/workplan associated with their role

Member Leadbetter seconded the motion.

There were no public comments.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Absent
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

7) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

Propose agenda items for subsequent meetings and provide Committee updates, with possible action by the Committee in response to this item. (10 min)

Chair Williams announced that the regularly scheduled November meeting is cancelled.

A retreat will take place on November 3, 2021 and November 4, 2021 from 9:30AM-12PM each day.

The OCOH Oversight Committee is partnering with the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to host a listening session with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness. The Listening Session will take place via zoom on November 17th at 5pm. Contributors with lived expertise of homelessness will be compensated \$50 for participating.

Member Andrews asked to hear from elected leaders about strategies for nonprofit sustainability and workforce development.

Member Andrews asked that OCOH Oversight Committee Members have an opportunity to shape the retreat agenda.

Member Leadbetter asked for a presentation for the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development about the prevention work they have been doing and how they're expanding the prevention portfolio.

Member Leadbetter said that a section of the retreat will think through the lived experience leadership.

There were no public comments.

8) ***Adjourn***

Member Friedenbach moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Andrews seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Absent
Chair Williams: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 11:33AM.